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IMPORT OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country`s imports of pulses is likely to hit an all-time high of 2.5 million tonnes (mt.) during 2004-05;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the country`s total pulses production touched a record 15.24 mt. During 2003- 04;

(d) if so, whether output is likely to be much lower this year, mainly due to drought in major pulses growing States; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Imports take place when there is a shortfall in production compared to domestic demand. As per the provisional import figures provided by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), for the period April-November 2004, the total import of pulses in the country was 0.934 million tonnes.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e): As per the second advanced estimates of production the total production of pulses during the year 2004-05 is expected to be 13.67 million tonnes.